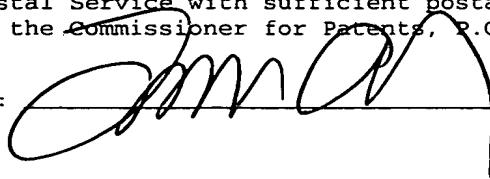




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Applicant : Reinhard Hamperl et al.
Filed : August 27, 2001
TC/A.U. : 3611
Examiner : Lee S. Lum
Title: : Device and Method for Sensing an Object or a Person in the Interior of a Vehicle and Vehicle Occupant Protection Apparatus in a Vehicle with such a Device

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AMENDMENT under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office action dated November 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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